

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 50, lines 24-30 as follows:

The plasmid was recovered from the transformed strains, digested with *Bam*HI and the digestion products separated on an agarose gel as shown in Figure 15. In lane **1** is the digested vector from a transformant of ATCC 21253 and in lane **3** is the digested vector from a transformant of ATCC 21799 which is called VTT E-991203 ~~E-992103~~. The figure shows the 10 kbp vector and the 2.4 kbp insert. A second isolate of transformed ATCC 21799 was named VTT E-991204 ~~E-992104~~, and the plasmid recovered from this isolate behaved in the same way as shown for VTT E-991203 ~~E-992103~~ in Fig. 15.

Please amend the paragraph on page 55, lines 23-25 as follows:

*Corynebacterium*

VTT E-991203	DSM <u>12728</u>	11 March 1999
VTT E-991204	DSM <u>12729</u>	11 March 1999